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## The Outlook For 1945---

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Here's hoping that 1945 will not only be a year of plenty, but a year of peace.

Thanks for everything.

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The International Man

Telephone No. 9 Crossfield, Alberta.

## KLITZKE - ROBINSON

A wedding of local interest was solemnized on Sunday, January 14th at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Robinson of Alberta Park (formerly of Carleton Place, Ontario), when their daughter, Frances Louise, became the bride of Bandman Albert Ernest Klitzke, Currie Barracks.

The bride, given in marriage by her father, entered the room to the strains of the wedding march played by her sister, Blanche. The bride wore for the occasion her grandmother's wedding gown and carried an ivory prayer book banked with yellow ribbons and violets.

Rev. J. V. Howey of the Crossfield United Church officiated.

During the singing of the register, Mrs. C. R. Pinfold, sister of the bride, sang "The sweetest story ever told." A reception was held for 40 guests, relatives and friends of the bride and groom. The table was centered by a three-tiered wedding cake, made and presented to the bride by Mrs. E. W. Whitburn, Rideau Rd.

The happy couple will make their home in Calgary where the groom is stationed.

**February Food Drive**  
Elaborate preparations are being made for the National February Food Drive commencing February 2 and ending March 8. This year the theme will be "Friday is Stamp Day." All retail stores, restaurants, tobacconists, wholesalers and over one thousand travellers in Alberta will be actively and consistently promoting the sale of "Friday is Stamp Day." The idea of this is to create interest in weekly buying of War Savings Stamps under the momentum of the Food Drive will carry into Friday to promote Stamp sales. One method that our committee can be of assistance to the Food Drive would be to suggest to your local stores your co-operation of Miss Canada girls to assist them with their Friday Stamp Day promotion.

At provincial headquarters we are receiving splendid reports of the interest that is being taken in War Savings Stamps this year by the schools. To Stamp chairmen we suggest that the principal and teachers of your local school be interviewed and encourage them to push the sale of Stamps.

If we are to hold up the splendid record that we have established during 1944 in the sale of Stamps, it will be necessary for every committee this year to work diligently. We know that you appreciate the opportunity you have in serving Canada by being active in this campaign during this critical period in our history. Our boys and girls overseas are not falling behind in their efforts to win the war. We know it will be your intention to strive harder than ever to make 1945 a record year.

## Shower For Bride-Elect

Miss Marjory Huston was the guest of honor at a miscellaneous shower which was held last Friday evening in the United Church parlors.

Mrs. E. A. Edlund and Mrs. Bert Lilley acted as hostesses assisted by Miss Marjorie Brundage, Mrs. Margaret Wigle and Mrs. G. Onell. Around 70 guests were present to enjoy the occasion.

A prettily decorated basket, filled with gifts was presented to the bride-elect by Miss Maxine Mair and Miss Margaret Wickerson; needless to say the basket was replenished many times over the occasion ended.

Marjory was seated under gay streamers and wedding bells which decorated one corner of the parlors and was assisted by her mother and sisters in entertaining the guests.

The bride-elect voiced an appreciation to everyone present and said she was unable to be present but had not forgotten her guests. With the assistance of the Misses Marjorie Brundage, Mary Edlund, Helen Hurt and Mable Landrum, a dainty lunch was served. About 10.30 the party broke up, everyone having received a good time and pleasant evening.

**FOX - HUSTON**  
Central United Church was the scene of a very pretty wedding, when Rev. Dr. Powell united in marriage Rev. Dorothy, second daughter of Mr. and Mrs. M. H. Fox, and Mervin, only son of Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Fox, both families of Crossfield.

Large baskets of flowers and ferns made a pretty background for the bride scene.

To the strains of Loehgrins "Bridal Chorus" the bride entered the church on the arm of her father who gave her in marriage. She looked very lovely in traditional wedding veil, and floor length gown of sheer tulle. She carried a sheaf of deep red roses. Her only ornament was a lovely pendant, her gift from the groom. She carried a sheaf of deep red roses. Her only ornament was a lovely pendant, her gift from the groom.

Supporting the groom was Walter Lilley, brother of the bride, and Donnie Stevens, also assisting as ushers for the bride were the signers of the register the organist, impressively played "On Promise Me."

At the ceremony, around thirty-five guests were graciously received by Mrs. Miller Huston and Mrs. Ed. Fox in the banquet room of the Empress. The former received in ensemble of turquoise blue with silver trim; the latter in dark brown ensemble with blue trimming. Each wore matching accessories and harmonizing corsages.

A sumptuous wedding breakfast was partaken from a beautifully decorated 3-tiered wedding cake.

Rev. Powell who had officiated at the wedding of the grooms parents, 24 years ago this month and who for many long years known both families, proposed the toast to the bride. Charles Fox, uncle of the groom gave a toast complimentary to both bride and groom. The groom responded suitably to both toasts.

The happy couple left for the coast where they will spend some weeks honeymoon before returning to reside in Crossfield.

The best wishes from all go out to Mervin and Marge.

## Local News

Meet your friends at the Rebekah Card Party on February 14th.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim McCool were Calgary visitors on Tuesday.

Hugh McPhail of Olds was a visitor here on Wednesday of this week.

J. Abra and Jim McCool motored to Olds on Thursday.

Mrs. Hudson is spending the week with Mrs. M. Patmore.

Mr. and Mrs. Everett Bills attended the funeral of the late Sam Boyd at Olds on Thursday.

Mr. J. Abra of Calgary is spending a few days in Crossfield visiting at the home of his daughter, Mrs. J. McCool.

Three of our local links competed in the Calgary bonspiel last week and came home without the bacon.

Hazel and Gladys Ruddy were home for the week-end, to take in the baseball game.

Gordon McCrimmon is going to Calgary Monday to take a course in barbering.

Mr. and Mrs. Dan McDuffey of Calgary spent the week-end at the home of R.B. and Miss McIntyre.

George Nasadyk has returned home after undergoing treatment in Calgary but is going to be a long time yet before he can use his right arm.

The Crossfield Cartage has blossomed out with a new truck. Otto says he is too busy to have to stop on the roadside and tinker with an old engine.

The annual meeting of the Red Deer Presbytery, also the annual meeting of the W. M. S. will be held in the local United Church, February 13.

Lieut. (Bud) Shands is a stretcher case from overseas and is being sent to a military hospital in England.

Quite a number of Crossfield people visited the city on Monday last, including Mrs. M. Patmore, Mrs. T. Mair, and Mrs. H. Hooper.

We have only two birthdays this week, that of J. P. Metheral who claims February 1st as the date of his birth, and the birthday of the appearance into this world on Feb. 2.

Chicken pox is a very common ailment among our younger generation at the present time and the attendance in the lower grades of the local school is very much affected.

This was to have been the week of the bonspiel but the bonserman had something to say about it, so it was postponed until the ice would be in better shape.

A crowd estimated at well over 200 people took in the barn dance at Chas. Walroth's on Wednesday night. The barn was really full to overflowing and everybody voted it a good time.

Mr. and Mrs. G. Wickerson recently heard from their son, Petty Officer Hugh Wickerson, stating that he was now in a sunny climate. We wonder if it has anything on sunny Alberta.

Everett Bills met his brother-in-law, Sam Boyd of Barbours, Calumet at Calgary on Tuesday night. Sam had arrived by plane to attend the funeral of his brother, who had been killed by a car on Monday.

Messrs A. W. Gordon, F. A. Purvis, and O. Calhoun were Calgary visitors Monday. Those who travelled by train ran into the police cordoned looking for deserters, and were held up while a large number of registration cards were looked at.

The Air Cadets hockey team continues their winning streak with two more wins. On Friday last they met the Olds high school team and defeated them 2-1, and on Monday they journeyed to Cremona and beat that team by a score of 5-4.

## RED CROSS SOCIETY ELECT OFFICERS

The annual meeting of the Crossfield Branch of the Canadian Red Cross Society was held in the Fire Hall Tuesday evening January 23rd.

The financial statement showed a balance of \$473.57 and the various groups have shipped out a total of 346 articles, comprising quilts, socks, sweaters, etc.

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## Floral Notes

"The Rebekahs are holding a Card Party on Valentine's Day."

The Floral F.W.A. sent to Edmonton as delegates to the annual convention, Mrs. Wm. McCrimmon and Mrs. M. Stafford. They report a wonderful time and also brought home first prize for a quilt the ladies had quilted. The prize was 30 baby chicks. (Wonder who will take the chicks?)

Mrs. Jim McCool received a telephone call from Mrs. McCrimmon last week, telling about getting first prize on the F.W.A. quilt.

I SAW—Frank Ruddy taking about eating oysters, some place where they had very few, I wonder.

George Jones and Jim Sholefield took in the "pig pen" dance after the card party at Floral.

We are glad to report that Jim Baxter is improving nicely.

L. Garwood is out of the hospital after breaking his arm, cranking his car.

We hear that Mervin Stafford is sporting a new W9 International tractor on rubber.

Mrs. D. Robinson received five letters from her husband this week, some of the mail must be getting thru.

We are glad to hear over the radio that Lieut. (Bud) Shantz is among the soldiers coming home.

Floral F.W.A. ladies have started work again. They meet every Thursday at Mrs. Jim McCool's. Come and bring your energy.

Don't forget the Calico Ball sponsored by Floral F.W.A. in East Community Hall on Friday, Mar. 16.

Keep in mind the 500 card party at Meadowsdale school on Friday, Feb. 2.

I SAW—Doug Hall chasing his bull with the truck, (Modern ranching).

Floral F.W.A. held a card party at Floral school on Wednesday night, about 2.30. Besides the building, Mrs. W. Landymore consultations prizes going to Mrs. W. D. McCool and Frank Ruddy.

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## MERRIEST PARTIES

## Many Londoners Managed To Celebrate Christmas In The Subways

London's merriest Christmas parties were held in holes in the ground. In deep subway stations throughout the capital, children and parents welcomed Christmas Eve with makeshift decorations and genuine gaiety which turned the draughty, dirty platforms where they sleep every night into colorful, music-filled stretches as they shouted carols above the roar of the trains.

Several of the larger stations held organized parties. In those places, where hundreds of persons seek shelter nightly from V-bombs or because they have no habitable homes, the borough councils and charitable organizations did their best to help things along.

In Holborn station a tree stayed in the rush of air from passing trains and piled around the foot were heaps of presents. The tags read "Four me Potts Amis Angels." The presents were from the children of liberated Belgium "for my little English friends."

There was a Santa Claus too, calling out presents for children in a voice which indicated that in his spare time he was a station guard.

That didn't make any difference to kids like Anne, Mary, Jiggins and the little fellow who corrected St. Nick by saying "my name's Butch, see?" They just grabbed dolls, carts and games which most of them had never seen before in their war-filled lives and shrieked at the top of their voices.

There were concerts as well. For weeks the grown-ups had practiced and gave the show after the presents had been presented.

## Has A History

## Sault Ste. Marie Claims To Be 274 Years Old

Once in a while the suggestion is made that the city of "Sault Ste. Marie" should change its name. But quite apart from the fact that the name has a background of 274 years of history, having first appeared on Joliet's map in 1674, it is difficult to think of a more appropriate name.

For down through the years the life of the community has centered around the St. Mary's Rapids—the Sault Ste. Marie.

Long before the white man came, this was a gathering place for the Ojibway Indians, who came here to catch in the rapids the whitefish, the fine flavor of which has been famous ever since the first written records of this section were compiled.

Sault Ste. Marie is not only the oldest place name in the Province of Ontario, but it embodies the whole basis of our civil life—Sault Ste. Marie Star.

## Archery As Spare Time Recreation



DE HAVILLAND'S CONNIE DEAN

Aircraft workers assembling the world's fastest fighter-bomber at de Havilland Aircraft of Canada have developed what for them is a new way of relieving tension in off hours—archery.

Through the recreation club at the plant, scores of workers who help to turn out the famous Mosquito, have enrolled for target practice on a range set up near the plant.

Membership is increasing rapidly in a sport which has grown to the stage where 35,000 men and women take part in Canada alone.

The aircraft workers who find so much precision demanded in their

work find archery a good sport for developing co-ordination of eye, muscles and mind.

One of the most enthusiastic fans at de Havilland is Connie Dean of the plant's traffic department. When her picture appeared in The Mosquito, the workers' newspaper, it carried the following caption: "In the year 1407, William Tell, hero of Swiss legend, was sentenced to death for refusing reverence to the Ducal hat of Austria, unless he shot an apple from his son's head. In the year 1944, 537 years later, Connie Dean of D-H Traffic Dept. was 'sentenced' to pose for the above photo."

## Out Of Commission



—Canadian Army Overseas photo.

This German self-propelled (15mm) gun was blown completely off the road by a Piat bomb fired by the tank-hunting section of a Canadian company which helped to establish a bridgehead across the Lamone river in Italy the night of December 10. Three tank-hunters standing beside their prize are: Left to right—Pte. Dan MacArthur, Sydney, N.S.; Pte. Keith McSorley, New Brunswick; Pte. Peter Burnette, Stellarton, N.S.

## Two New Chemicals

## Developed During War Will Be Effective In Fly Sprays

The post-war outlook for flies is serious—for the flies.

U.S. Department of Agriculture entomologists report that two new chemicals, in addition to the well-known pyrethrum which has been used as the basis of most fly sprays for years, have been developed during the war.

Pyrethrum is known to knock down flies in contact, but one new substance, from a plant native to Mexico, has been found by scientists to be even more poisonous. DDT, the second new material, will remain effective as long as three months when sprayed on walls and screens.

Entomologists predict that after the war, flies will enter homes, factories and dairy barns at their own risk.

## FIRST STONE STREET

Downtown New York's Stone Street is said to have been the first street in the New World paved with stone, hence its name. It was called Broome's street (Broome's Street) under Dutch rule, because it was the centre of the brewery industry of New Netherlands.

Pepper was worth its weight in gold in ancient times, and only the richest of men could afford it.

## The Flying Pole

## Exploits Are Becoming Legendary Among Allied Flying Pilots

The exploits of Major Mike Clady, "The Flying Pole", are becoming legendary among Allied fighter pilots.

Clady has been serving with the U.S. 8th Air Force for more than a year now without any official status. The American pilots fight in each month to give him spending money, and meanwhile he goes on taking Thunderbolts over Germany to shoot up anything bearing the hated swastika.

The story of this amazing airman has been pieced together bit by bit by other flyers. It forms one of the most fantastic tales to come out of the war.

Clady, now 35, was a member of the Polish Air Force when the Nazis overran Poland, killing his parents, his sweetheart, and many of his friends. He escaped by plane to France and joined the French Air Force. Shot down in a German-occupied area, he was hidden by a French doctor in an insane asylum while the Gestapo searched for him.

Later he was waylaid in a Paris alley by the Gestapo, who left him for dead after beating him over the head with lead pipes, but the French doctor managed to get him to the asylum and treated him there for months.

He did not fully recover until after all France had been occupied by the Nazis, and then was smuggled to Britain. He joined the R.A.F. and fought in the Battle of Britain, later becoming a member of the Polish squadron formed by the British.

A year ago he was assigned to the 8th Air Force for detached duty. Garbed generally in a gray uniform with the Polish eagle insignia, the dark-haired Clady will not talk of his exploits. Apparently all he wants to do is kill Nazis, but the men of the fighter group, intent upon keeping up their record of kills, have a hard time pumping from him the number of his victories.

"Maybe I get two 'planes", he says unconcernedly when asked to report on the outcome of a dogfight. "But I cannot count because I am too busy shooting what's ahead of me instead of looking back to see what I left behind me."

His wing cameras show he has shot down at least 11 enemy 'planes, but his comrades say he has accounted for at least 15 more.

Some say that during his service with four different Allied Air Forces he has downed at least 45 enemy 'planes. Top ace among Allied flyers in Western Europe whose record is fully authenticated is Wing Cmdr. J. E. (Johnny) Johnson, whose total of kills currently stands at 23. The English-born pilot leads a Europe-based R.C.A.F. Spitfire wing.

## Daring Guerrilla

## Girl Awarded Title Of Hero Of The Soviet

Anna Maslovskaya, one of the most daring guerrillas of Byelorussia, has been awarded the title of Hero of the Soviet Union. Among her many brave exploits was the dynamiting of a German garrison, earning that a conference of officers had been called in a certain city to discuss ways and means of wiping out her guerrilla detachment. Anna went alone to the city and when the debate was at its height exploded a mine under the building, settling the argument—U.S.S.R. Bulletin.

## Pie For Breakfast

## Some People May Still Consider It An Essential Food

Probably few readers will agree with the bold proposition that the beginning of the Decline of Modern Civilization coincided with the general abandonment of the practice of eating pie for breakfast. But nutritionists say a nourishing breakfast is the best foundation for a good day's work.

A recent report that a Grange in a north county town is planning to debate the proposition—Resolved, That Apple Pie Is Better Than Mine Pie for Breakfast, is a heartening communique from the home front. The thermal candor which may be engendered by debating the proposition is inconsequential compared with the public good which may result from the debate itself.

One is naturally hesitant to recommend a single variety among the many available. A survey shows that apple, prune and raisin are favorites among confirmed pie-for-breakfast believers. A minority report would include mine, cherry, blueberry, lemon, squash and raspberry.—New York Times.

## Selected Diet

## People Learning By Experience To Change Their Food Habits

If all persons were rational, nutritional education would be very simple. They would learn promptly and would act wisely after observing the ill-effects of deficient diets and the benefits to health and development brought about by the eating of the right kinds of foods. But in this respect people have not always behaved as rational beings. Many have read and are reading about deficiency diseases and the rewards in health and welfare that fall to those who eat balanced meals. But they cannot be bothered to make the effort to break away from their old habits.

However, the entire human race is not irrational and stubborn in its food habits and many have learned and are learning by experience and education to change their food habits.—Victoria Times.

## Ends Career

## Old Vessel That Has Travelled The High Seas Foundered On Jagged Rocks

A stout old Victoria, B.C., barge that could tell many tales of the high seas ended her career almost within sight of the spot where she was launched 24 years ago as a trim four-masted wooden barkentine. She was the S.F. Tormie, reduced to splintered timbers by a howling southeast gale, battering waves and the jagged rocks of Macaulay Point.

Last log-carrying barge on the Pacific Coast the 1,612-ton Tormie was launched at the old Chobeg shipyard in 1920, and carried cargoes to Japan, Australia and the South Islands before being converted into a floating battery and later a barge.

## GLOOMY PROSPECT

It now seems doubtful that Vancouver will ever see the restoration of its fleet of trans-Pacific passenger liners. The air-borne fuselage will try to displace the costly sea-going hull just as the steamer banished the sailing-ship.—Vancouver Sun.

Marine insurance is believed to have had an earlier origin than life insurance.—2602

## Ship's Paper

## Publication Of The Only Sea-Going Daily In North Atlantic

Crew members of the Castle class corvette H.M.C.S. Oranville have laid proud claim to publication of "the only sea-going daily in the North Atlantic." Their sheet is called "Etching in Salt" and its breezy reports of messdeck doings have made it almost as popular as the daily issue of grog.

Coder Frank Galvon, of Blainmore, Alta., and Surgeon Lieut. Peter Playfair, of Ottawa, are the moving spirits of the paper. Each morning at sea, the 21-year-old Galvon tunes into the BBC news and makes a digest of world events for "Etching". Then two other ratings, Tel. Chris McGregor, of Vancouver, and SBA, Ed. Stiles, of Toronto, chip in with the latest buzzes and gossip from the messdecks. Promptly at 10.30 the paper is run off on a ditto machine and distributed throughout the ship.

None of the publishers has had professional experience, although Galvon worked on a club paper in Blainmore and Stiles on a Bible class publication in Toronto. Surgeon Lieut. Playfair does the job "just for the fun of it". At 23, he is believed to be the youngest medical officer in the Canadian Navy. He finished a six-year medical course at Queens when he was 21.

## All Were Wrong

## High Officials Expressed Opinion War Would End Last Year

Prime Minister Churchill has not been alone in his once-optimistic appraisal of the course of the struggle. General Eisenhower announced that he hoped to see the end of the European war in 1944; General Marshall expressed the opinion that the war in the European theatre would terminate by December 7, the anniversary of Pearl Harbor. General MacArthur has long been over-optimistic in his communications, and General Arnold's air forces have many times "destroyed" the economy of the German Reich.—Brantford Expositor.

The Hawaiian Islands were formed by lava shooting up from a crack in the bottom of the ocean three miles down.

## Aircraft Rivetting Champs



MURIEL MARSHALL — EVELYN BRAILSFORD

Officials at the plant of Boeing Aircraft of Canada Ltd., at Victoria, B.C., believe that Muriel Marshall and Evelyn Brailsford are Canada's aircraft rivetting champions.

"Blind bucking" and bucking in small spaces where manipulation of rivet bars is difficult is a big part of the job of building float braces for Catalina long range flying boats. Most of the time the rivet is out of sight of the buckler and frequently is almost inaccessible.

However, on a test run of 14 minutes and 15 seconds these top-notch rivet girls drove and bucked 299 perfect rivets in an eight-hour shift, recently, and every one perfect.

For a period of one week a complete tally was kept of the rivets driven by Muriel and Evelyn. During that time the girls averaged almost 700 perfect rivets per hour of rivetting time. In this type of work the riveters must do their own placing of skins, reaming of holes, water-proofing and painting of inside rivet heads. Consequently, they do not rivet steadily all day. Also much time is lost for inspections which are made as the work progresses.

The team is capable of sustained

## AFFAIRS IN JAPAN

## Six Families Have Complete Power Over Industry And Business

Six families control affairs in Japan. These six families exercise almost complete power over industry and business. These six Japanese families are not so sure they like the way the war is going. Now that American warplanes are getting in some heavy kicks against Tokyo and other Japanese industrial centres, some of the Japanese industrial leaders are thinking of their beautiful factories being battered to dust and rubble. They can see their fortunes vanishing in the smoke of a bomb burst. They shudder from two causes: the thought of losing their factories and the thought of losing their lives.

## Throwing Away Money

## Coins Are Used For Shrapnel In Enemy Shells

Men who take apart dud enemy shells picked up a bit of loose change in Holland. Instead of jagged pieces of shrapnel, they found that one unexploded shell contained silver and nickel Netherlands coins. The newspaper Nijmeegsch Dagblad, said presumably metal supplied had run short at the factory that turned out the shell and coins were used instead, without anything being into the form of shrapnel.

## GOES ON FOREVER

The favorite soup of French peasants, pot-au-feu, is a dish that goes on forever. It is kept on the stove and cooked for years, with the women just adding leftovers to the pot and keeping it cooking.

## IT ALWAYS HAPPENS

It is a bit ironical, isn't it, that Winston Churchill who probably has done more than any other single living man to save democracy, should now be attacked in certain circles as "an enemy of democracy," says the Sault Daily Star.

## OF IRISH ORIGIN

Captain Boycott, a land agent in Ireland, taught his tenants with such severity that they retaliated by refusing to work for him and allowing no one else to do so. This incident, in 1880, was the origin of the word "boycott".

## Complete Record And Full History Of Soldiers Kept From The Moment Of Enlistment

IF THE Canadian Army ever decided to go into the book business and publish biographies of its some 750,000 personnel, it would have little trouble correlating the facts. For the Army knows more about its members than sometimes the soldiers do themselves.

From the moment of enlistment, when the recruit fills out a form designated as "MFM 2" in which he or she gives the full history of life to date—place and date of birth, religion, education, employment history, etc., to the day of discharge or demobilization, when the final documents are filed away there is a complete record of one and every soldier's life. The Army could tell you what their soldier's life was like with their spare time. What the ambitions are. How long they've been married. How they react to authority, discipline, punishment or making more money. The Army could whisper too, if it wished to do so, if the soldier likes to gamble, drink or run around. But, of course, all this data is confidential, and is used only for the purpose of allocating personnel where they may be of most value to the concentrated war effort.

To keep these miniature biographies up-to-date, Army Examiners talk to soldiers from time to time. A recruit meets the Examiner upon enlistment, upon the completion of basic training and also advanced training. The soldier's changing viewpoint—for change it does—is recorded, and is not overlooked in placing him or her in one of the various military jobs.

Occasionally, too, soldiers are requested to fill out questionnaires in which the questions pertain to education, civil employment, personal history, etc. Here is a typical brief history of one soldier: "Lived in B.C. until 1930. Attended Normal College there and taught school, came to Toronto in 1930. Taught at—College until June, 1937. Taught in Ontario public schools until October, 1941. Left to join the Navy, but was rejected. Worked in a war plant until September, 1942. Here was successively, operator, employee instructor, operating inspector and personnel manager. The company sent me to the Personnel Administration Course given by the Department of Labor. I would like to continue work in Personnel Administration after the war, with rehabilitation of service personnel if possible. Am also in hope of taking a course in this subject at some university."

The soldier, too, paradoxically enough, knows more about himself or herself, by the Army's record procedure. In the pocket of each soldier is a small book known as Militia Book M1, or Soldier's Service and Pay Book.

This little volume will tell the warrior at a glance the exact day of enlistment, how many years he or she went to school, what exact day promotion was received or trade test passed. It tells, too, the date they last had inoculation; how many brothers and sisters they have and which is the oldest; their medical classification at enlistment; and a complete record of changes with dates of such alterations.

### Prefer Blackout

London Motorists Say Partial Lighting Makes Driving Much Harder

One of the queer little sidelights of the war is that London motorists, after five years of blackout, say they don't like the recently-authorized increase in the amount of lighting on the streets.

Pin-point street lamps used to provide so-called "starlighting". To all intents and purposes that meant no light at all. But motorists got used to finding their way around with dim headlamps, and at least the darkness was uniform.

Now the greater London area is a patchwork of light and dark. Some streets have the new moon-lighting or at least "starlighting plus". Others still are starlit. And even moonlighting consists only of pools of brightness under the widely-separated street lamps and darkness between.

Professional drivers say they eyes can't adjust themselves quickly enough to the changes in lighting intensity and that driving in built-up areas is 100 per cent. more hazardous than in the full blackout.

Traffic deaths have increased since the moonlighting was introduced, with pedestrians the principal victims.

### Billiard Expert

Canadian Pacific Dining Car Steward Wins Fame

Harry Revoy, of Winnipeg, is widely known as a Canadian Pacific Railway dining car steward operating for the most part between Winnipeg and Calgary. His suave, accommodating manner is in the best tradition of the service he has represented as waiter and steward for the past 34 years, yet sports fans hail him as one of the Dominion's really great billiardists.

His uncanny skill with the cue has stamped him as one of the greatest authorities on the game of English billiards in the country today, and perhaps as the best all-round master of the three-ball game in Canadian amateur circles.

Harry Revoy has won the Manitoba amateur title and the British Columbia crown, which he still holds, at least ten times during the past 27 years when he has been clicking the ivory balls on green tables over Canada. "I have played and beaten all the top three Canadian amateurs in Winnipeg," said the Manitoban cue ace, "and with the possible exception of Tom Toole, now residing in Vancouver, I consider myself the best billiardist in Canada."

The high-strung, nervous Winnipeg steward leaped into sports game prominence recently when he rolled off a sensational 147 in a match destined to last for some time. At the LaSalle parlors in Winnipeg during December, Harry scored 1,000 points in 14 visits to the table. Featuring his great performance was a stupendous break of 198 while on two other occasions he posted the 100 mark, shooting 130 and 111.

Billiards have proved an interesting and stimulating avocation for the popular dining car steward. He thinks that his game, like golf, is improving with age, and looks forward confidently, at 52 years of age, to even better table performance in the future.

Harry Revoy started clicking the ivory balls around when he was 25 years of age, disproving the old theory that those who would master games of skill must start in their formative childhood years. He went for the game wholeheartedly, and through constant play and practice, has developed his skill to an amazing peak.

Like other sports enthusiasts, Harry has his idol, Walter Lindrum, the Australian cue star, who in Harry's book is "the acme of perfection" and his ambition is to cross the ocean to participate in the British Empire amateur billiards championship at Vancouver.

Harry has been with the Canadian Pacific dining car department since 1910, but managed through his billiard constant play and practice, has allowed him, at many western cities where he "laid over" his job skill, but for the greater part his practice and play has been in Winnipeg and Vancouver.

"My 27 years of playing, practicing and studying the game," he said, "have proved fruitful, and my talents are slowly ripening so that my last game saw me making breaks of 198, 130 and 111. That was in my last effort in those 27 years, but I've still got a long way to go and I will improve."

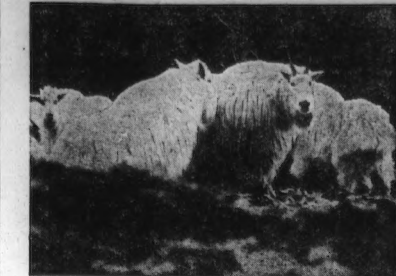
An automobile uses 50 per cent. less gas at 30 miles an hour than it does at 60 miles per hour.

## Joyous Shouts Of Forgotten Women Of France



When the American Seventh Army took the town of Haguenau, last important Alsatian town before the German border, they found 300 French women in the town jail. They had been imprisoned by the Germans for political offenses. Some had been in duration for two years. On liberation by the Americans, the women became almost hysterical with joy. The above photo was made as they rushed through the jail gate. When leaving the town in a hurry before the advancing Americans, the Germans apparently forgot all about the women.

## Big Game Species In Canada's National Parks



### ROCKY MOUNTAIN GOATS

Jasper National Park, Alberta, Canada.

One of the primary purposes of Banff, Jasper, Kootenay, Mount Revelstoke, Yoho, Glacier and Watkins Lakes National Parks—abundant with big game. Perhaps the most common species are Rocky Mountain sheep and Rocky Mountain goats. The sheep are not nearly so bashful as the goats. The latter rarely give an opportunity to the average "camera hunter", and one must know something of the haunts and habits of these wily animals to get a good "close-up" for the snapshot album.

Prince Albert National Park in Saskatchewan and Riding Mountain National Park in Manitoba serve as sanctuaries for big game indigenous to the prairie regions. Moose, elk, woodland caribou, and other deer are found in these parks and there is a small enclosure of plains buffalo near Audy Lake in Riding Mountain Park. The establishment of Cape Hlanad National Park in Nova Scotia will not do result in the restoration of big game once numerous in that region.

The presence of big game animals in Canada's national parks is not only a major tourist attraction but it demonstrates the desire of the Canadian people to protect all wildlife species, large or small, from the fate of extermination which overtook the wild pigeon and the wild turkey. As long as these parks are maintained, wild creatures will find sanctuary in them and Canada will continue to possess some of the finest natural museums of wildlife in the world.

### British Submarines

Sink Many Japanese Craft While Operating In Far Eastern Waters

Since the beginning of 1944, H.M. submarines operating in Far Eastern waters have sunk one Japanese cruiser, and 187 other ships ranging from large supply vessels to anti-submarine craft. An enemy aircraft carrier was torpedoed and believed to have been sunk, another cruiser was hit by torpedoes, 31 other ships of various sizes have been damaged and several of H.M. submarines have also carried out a number of bombardments against enemy shore installations.

### Fewer Bicycles

Canadian Production For 1945 Was Lowest In Nine Years

No wonder it's hard to get bicycles. Along with the increased demand because of gas rationing and greater requirements for messenger and delivery services, newly published official statistics reveal that Canadian production of cycles was the lowest since 1935. Under wartime restrictions to conserve metals and labor, output amounted to only 47,673 compared with 72,120 in 1942. And production is still limited—Montreal Gazette.

The word curfew is taken from the French words *couvre feu*, meaning cover the fire.

Buy War Savings Stamps regularly.

### Remarkable Mascot

Wire-Haired Terrier Brought Good Luck To Merchant Ship

Taking her turn on watch when at sea and rousing the crew from sleep in the mornings, a small wire-haired terrier is the most remarkable mascot in the Merchant Navy. She is "Susie", mascot of the S.S. Whitstable. When the Whitstable is in port, the terrier stands guard by the gangway and gives warning of the approach of strangers.

At sea, as her watch on deck ends, she goes below and awakens the relief watch. Then she "turns in," her bunk being in the Master's cabin.

Susie likes her trips ashore, but she never oversteers her leave. The crew swear by her, for, since she came aboard, they have met no mines, U-boats, or aircraft, and have had only good weather.—British Information Services.

### Aband Oils

Full Operation Of Refinery Would Produce 600 Barrels A Day

It was reported at Edmonton that the initial test run of the Aband Oil Limited refinery at Fort McMurray was completed December 24.

G. B. Webster, vice-president and managing director, said early in December the plant was about to begin a "stream" output of 450 barrels a day and that full operation of the refinery would produce 600 barrels a day.

## Commonwealth Air Training Plan Has Been Drastically Curtailed To Meet Conditions

THE roar of airplane motors in Canadian skies was reduced to a buzz in 1944 as the big British Commonwealth Air Training Plan that made the nation the "airframe of democracy" was drastically curtailed and a partial R.C.A.F. demobilization plan established.

The plan will not be extended after its expiry date, March 31, 1945, when a shadow plan will be installed: Previously a score of air schools and emergency landing fields were closed, training commands were amalgamated, the air council reduced and 4,200 potential trainees were transferred to the army.

Busy in the battle skies throughout the world, the R.C.A.F. began 1944 with a new chief of air staff—Air Marshal Robt. Leckie. He got his appointment Jan. 1, two months after taking over the responsibilities when Air Marshal L. S. Brasher went to Britain to become overseas chief.

Announcing the curtailment program in November, Maj. Power said the air plan was aimed at gaining air supremacy in every theatre of war and he added, "this purpose has been accomplished." When the plan ends March 31—a total of 224,396 trained aircrew will have graduated from Canadian flying fields.

He explained the need for curtailment was based on a huge surplus of aircrew built up by a plan that was gauged on higher casualties than were actually suffered and the unpredictable course of the war.

Meanwhile an air mission returned from a study of Pacific war theatre conditions and it is widely reported that between 15 and 20 of the force's 45 overseas squadrons will be sent against Japan on a re-utility basis when the war in Europe is over. Other squadrons—possibly made up of R.C.A.F. men and the R.A.F.—may stay in Europe to co-operate with occupational forces.

One feature of the home organization was the establishment of a Northwest Air Command to take over the at-large route over the northwest corner of the Dominion and which in the words of Maj. Power, is likely to have increasing importance as Pacific commitments are assumed.

Men now being demobilized—trained on a first-come-first-served basis—are not barred from application into the post-war R.C.A.F., the composition of which will not be decided for at least a year.

The year-end found hundreds of aircrew being demobilized, many of them returning from overseas operations. Many of the returning flying personnel are taking over administrative jobs from non-flying men released from the service, as fewer and fewer training craft take the air.

With about 10,000 aircrew in the training stream before Nov. 7 headed for a civilian reserve when they graduate, and recent graduates being demobilized, it has been said officially that only a smattering of aircrew in operational training units and debarment depots will go overseas in future.

The amalgamation saw No. 2 training command at Winnipeg and No. 4 at Calgary unite on a greatly reduced scale as No. 2 Air Command with headquarters at Moose Jaw, Sask. No. 1 at Toronto and No. 3 at Montreal, greatly curtailed, will join early this year as No. 1 Air Command with headquarters at Trenton, Ont.

### Lots Of Eggs

Canada Hopes To Provide Britain With 180,000,000 Eggs Next Fall

Agriculture Department officials said that next fall Canada hopes to provide the United Kingdom with 180,000,000 fresh eggs, in what used to be the season when Canadians themselves were drawing on storage stocks, crocheted that suits them to Grandmas. It's a beginner's croch for fascinator: stitches.

To obtain this pattern send twenty cents in coins (stamps cannot be accepted) to Household Arts Department, Winnipeg Newspaper Union, 170 McDermott Avenue, Winnipeg, Man. Be sure to write plainly your Name, Address and Postal Number. Because of the slowness of the mails delivery of our patterns may take a few days longer than usual.

These increases have made Canadian consumers independent of storage eggs, and none have been stored for domestic consumption for four years.

### ELECTIONS IN ITALY

The newly organized Italian cabinet decided to hold elections throughout liberated Italy next spring regardless of whether northern Italy is liberated. The elections will be the first free ones held in Italy for 24 years.

So elaborate are the cakes made at one New York shop that blueprints are drawn for them.

### Invented By Accident

English Chemist Got Idea For Linoleum 100 Years Ago

Nearly 100 years ago, linoleum was discovered or more properly invented by accident.

An English chemist, Frederick Walton, was engaged in experiments to improve the floor coverings of those days. One day he absent-mindedly dropped a bit of dry paint from the top of an open can. All at once he realized that this lump of dried paint had possibilities. Looking into the matter more carefully, he discovered more or less than linseed oil exposed to air. That was the beginning of linoleum.

Nowadays, after linseed oil is oxidized, it is mixed in immense cauldrons. Cork and color pigments are added. When the mixture becomes a fluffy, soft mass, it is poured into a base where immense rollers finish the job. This "green" linoleum is hung up in tightly sealed rooms for several weeks to age at 150 degrees Fahrenheit. It eventually comes out of retirement as an attractive floor covering.

Experts say that the life of linoleum can be extended by keeping the surface protected with a thin coat of wax. When the floor is dirty it should be washed with a mop or floor cloth wrung out of a mild soapy solution, never with a harsh soap or scouring powder.

Daily care should consist of dusting with an untreated mop.

### Salt Bed

Recent Find Has Been Made In The Vermilion Area

Minister N. E. Tanner of Alberta, said a report in the demand for acreage for development purposes has been caused by the recent strike of a 400-foot deep salt bed in the Vermilion area. Keen interest was being shown in the salt possibilities of the region, he said.

The strike was made at the Vermilion Consolidated Oil Co. well when the drill reached a depth of 3,451 feet. Salt washings continued to 3,900 feet.

### Beginner's Crochet



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### Alice Brooks

"Fascinator's the word, when you wear it over your head—but it's just as fascinating" worn as a shawl. Jilly crocheted in knitting worsted. Jilly crocheted that suits them to Grandmas. It's a beginner's croch for fascinator: stitches.

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### THE SOFT ANSWER

Rufus Choate one day forgot himself to the extent of asking the forbidden question. He inquired a lady's age. "Why do you wish to know that?" he demanded the object of his curiosity. "Dear lady," the witty diplomat replied, "I merely wanted to know at what age a woman is most fascinating."

All the blood in your body has to go through your lungs 2,000 times each day.



## ACHIEVEMENTS OF THE ROYAL NAVY

Proudest Of Them Was The Defeat Of The German Naval Power

The Royal Navy, in a year-end review, hailed as the proudest achievements in 1944 the virtual defeat of Germany as a naval power and the shepherding of the western front invasion force.

Now, it was disclosed, Britain is assembling two mighty fleets with greatly reinforced carrier strength to fight alongside the Americans in dealing knockout blows to the Japanese in the Pacific in 1945.

The officially approved year-end review of the Navy's activities said: "As the year 1944 ends, interest in the war at sea moves from the west to the vast areas of the Pacific and Indian Oceans where Britain is assembling two mighty fleets to fight beside our American Allies against Japan."

These two naval forces are the fleet under Admiral Sir Bruce Fraser and the fleet of the East Indies station under Vice Admiral Sir Arthur Power. The latter's job will be to push the Japanese all the way out of the Indian Ocean and get back its old base—Singapore.

Admiral Fraser's fleet—packed with carriers—will operate under American over-all command.

The review said Admiral Fraser, commander-in-chief of British Naval Forces in the Pacific, "is in full accord with the American strategy of using a large number of aircraft carriers, so it can be assumed that the British carrier fleet will be the strongest that can be assembled there."

In addition to defeat of Germany as a naval power, the Royal Navy's achievements in 1944, which made possible turning attention to the Pacific in 1945, were listed as:

A series of successful operations in which fewer British warships were sunk by enemy action than in any previous year of the war; not a single battleship or aircraft carrier was lost.

Acknowledgment by Germany at the end of March, 1944, that the Atlantic U-boat warfare was a failure and withdrawal of all but a few U-boats from the North Atlantic.

British submarines during the year sank at least 400 enemy ships in addition to 23 warships.

Light coastal forces won a complete victory in the battle of the English Channel which lasted nearly 90 days—"a victory as important to success of the invasion as the winning of the Battle of the Atlantic was to the war as a whole."

Up to the end of September, 1944, the Navy had moved 10,600,000 British Army personnel by sea with a loss of 2,975 lives, representing .0028 per cent. of the total.

## Sun Is Helping

No Longer A Hazard To Airmen Downed At Sea

Allied "Know-How" has harnessed the sun to help fight the Axis.

Airmen downed at sea now can turn sea water into drinking water with "Solar Still". The still is a flat, 30-inch envelope packed into life rafts. Inside the envelope is a plastic screen, covered by a black cellulose sponge. The downed airman inflates the envelope until it forms a tube 12 inches in diameter, puts two quarts of seawater in it and ties it to the side of the raft. Sun rays evaporate the sea water, the salt remains in the sponge and the vapor condenses as drinking water into a small reservoir.

That's how the sun, long considered one of the greatest hazards to downed airmen, has been converted into one of their most important means of survival.

## War's Effect

How The People Of Britain Have Met The Conditions

The people of Great Britain have reduced their over-all consumption by 21 per cent. They now spend only 54 per cent. of their incomes; taxes and savings take the rest.

Civilian consumption of butter, margarine and cheese is down by 14 per cent.; of fresh meat, bacon and ham by 24 per cent.; of fruit and fruit juices by 61 per cent. Civilian consumption of clothes is down by 45 per cent.; of hats and shoes by 27 per cent.; of furniture by 77 per cent.

The average passenger train carries nine passengers for four before the war. One house in three in the whole country has been damaged, one in 30 destroyed or made uninhabitable.

There is no practical difference in the warmth of cotton or silk hosiery when they are the same knit and thickness.

London now uses 5 1/2 tons of nuts, 384,000 bananas, and 19,800 eggs annually in normal times. 3609

## Shan Girls Welcome Allied Troops In Burma



Shan girls stop work long enough to smile happily at the coming of Allied troops at a point deep in Burma. It is in this sector that the Tenth Air Force of the eastern air command is operating.

## Ancient Footprints

Prehistoric Animals Leave Records Made Millions Of Years Ago

Footprints spur the imagination. Do you remember reading with excitement about that footprint in the sand found by Robinson Crusoe? A footprint is a clue. It may help the detective to solve a murder mystery. To the student of fossils it has different significance.

In the Royal Ontario Museum there are tracks and trails preserved in rock, of animals that lived millions of years ago. On exhibit at present are footprints made by two animals, thought to be amphibians, that eked out an existence in a coal swamp near Parraboro, Nova Scotia, 200,000,000 years ago. At that remote time in history the amphibians (represented now by frogs, toads and salamanders) were among the highest known types of animal life.

These creatures lived near the swampy border of a shallow sea. Their footprints were left in ripple-marked sand exposed by the ebbing tide. The sun beat down upon the beach and baked the imprints, thus fixing them. Again and again the retreating tides spread layers of sand over the imprints preserving them for posterity.

## FINLAND'S INDEMNITY

A detailed armistice agreement by which Finland will pay to Russia \$300,000,000 in goods as indemnity for war damages was signed in Helsinki on Dec. 17, the Moscow radio said. The deliveries are to be carried out within six years in installments of \$50,000,000, said the broadcast.

China, Japan and Germany are all claimants to the honor of introducing macaroni to the world.

Buy War Savings Stamps regularly

## Carbon Monoxide

Warning To Motorists Of The Danger From Poisonous Gas

In their current memorandum to industrialists, the Industrial Accident Prevention Associations have a timely article containing valuable information on the hazard of carbon monoxide. Desiring to bring to the attention of drivers of motor vehicles that carbon monoxide is responsible for many highway tragedies, the associations recommend the following preventative measures:

1. See that there is reasonable ventilation in the garage.

2. Do not permit the engine to be run in a closed garage. If it is necessary to run the engine in a garage, see that doors and windows are open.

3. Have the carburetor and motor checked to ensure a fairly complete combustion of your fuel.

4. Inspect all cars and trucks regularly for leaky exhaust connections, loose or broken floor boards and defective floor coverings, exhaust pipes and mufflers.

5. Instruct drivers to get out of their vehicles and into fresh air at the first sign of headache, smarting eyes, dizziness, sickness or drowsiness.

6. See that the exhaust pipe discharges beyond the rear end.

7. See that there is reasonable ventilation in your own car, and do not seal the car by closing all windows and vents. Instruct your drivers to take the same precautions.

## HAS MANY USES

In many countries, the dried roots of dandelions are used as a substitute for coffee. The leaves of this plant make a fine salad, and its young sprouts are valuable in soups.

The crocodile is distinguished from the alligator by two teeth protruding when the jaws are closed.

## Life Gratuity

For Private Ernest Smith Of New Westminster, V.C. Winner

Canada's most recent Victoria Cross winner, Pte. Ernest (Smokie) Smith of New Westminster, B.C., has become the first Canadian to have the 10 pound life gratuity that goes with the award paid by the Canadian government.

Previously Canadian V.C.'s were paid by the British government but Canada undertook the payment through an agreement signed in June, 1943.

Brig. James Melville, chairman of the Canadian pensions commission, wrote Smith advising him that for the rest of his life, on March 31 and Sept. 30 of each year, he would receive a government cheque for \$25.

While the British pound is quoted at \$4.43, for the purpose of the Victoria Cross gratuity it will be worth an even \$5. Officers who win the V.C. receive no gratuity unless they are "in necessitous circumstances" and then an award of 75 pounds is paid. Canada's other seven V.C.'s of this war were officers.

## INSTITUTE FOR THE BLIND

A British Columbia resident institution for the blind will be built in Vancouver at the cost of \$100,000, it was announced by Capt. M. C. Robinson, national director for Western Canada of the Canadian National Institute for the Blind.

## AN OLD SYMBOL

The cross was used as a religious symbol long before the Christian era. The Indians regarded it as a mystic emblem of the four points of the compass.

The custom of English parents selling their children to the Irish for slaves was prohibited by King Canute about 1017.

## Does Heroic Work

Canadian Frigate Rescued Men From Sinking Calson Off France

The story of the rescue of eight British navy and army men by the crew of the Canadian frigate Swanssea, from a sinking Calson off one of the pre-fabricated ports erected on the French coast after D-Day has been revealed.

The great concrete Calson was one of many being towed to Normandy to form part of a harbor, but times shot by coast guns each time were caught by the wind and dropped into the sea.

Swanssea, in command of Cmdr. A. L. Layard, began rescue operations in mid-afternoon. Run after run was made past the listing Calson, but times shot by coast guns each time were caught by the wind and dropped into the sea.

With the eight men huddled on a ledge and the Calson wallowing deeper in the water, Swanssea decided to make a try with her sea boat. The whaler was lowered under command of Swanssea's executive officer, Lieut. John T. Band of Toronto, now acting captain of the ship, with a six-man boat's crew, but his attempt was unsuccessful.

With darkness approaching, Swanssea had to get the men off the Calson before she could pick up the boat. It took another hour of cautious edging through the seas before, going slow astern, the frigate backed alongside the towering concrete shell. The boat had been out nearly two hours before Swanssea came alongside and picked it up.

Other members of the boat's crew were Petty Officer George Ardy, London, Ont.; Leading Seaman John Berryman, London, Ont.; Lt. Stanley Milligan, South Forcupine, Ont.; and Able Seaman Arthur Coveart, London, Ont.

## Wonder Drug

Britain's Supremacy In The Use Of Penicillin Saves Many Lives

Britain's supremacy over Germany in surgical skill, particularly in the use of penicillin, the "wonder drug" which was discovered by the British scientists Florey and Fleming, and has since been developed by British medical research to such a high degree that between D-Day and October 31st, it saved the lives of three out of every four British and Canadian soldiers who received abdominal wounds.

Two thousand, seven hundred and twelve genuine abdominal wound cases were treated during that period by British and Canadian forward surgeons. Only 750 patients died, giving the recovery rate as 72 per cent., or three out of every four soldiers. Such figures have never before been produced.

One case quoted was that of a soldier wounded in the abdomen by two machine-gun bullets at 100-yards range. The English doctors did not operate on him, but gave him penicillin, bulky beef and biscuits. He was back on duty within six weeks.

## AFTER FIFTY YEARS

For 50 years Billesdon district council in Leicestershire, England, used a crown on its seal. Now someone has discovered this is illegal because Billesdon did not get special permission.

## CANADIAN BUSINESS INCREASED IN 1944

Spending Power And Bank Deposits Continued To Grow

Although production for war purposes showed a small decline in 1944 compared with the 1943 volume, business as a whole in Canada experienced further expansion, suggesting a little more attention was being given to the needs of the civilian population.

National income continued to rise, according to figures compiled by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics, a gain of 6.7 per cent. being recorded. The growth of spending power was reflected in the volume of merchandising which registered an eight per cent. gain in retail sales, an 11 per cent. increase in sales by wholesale concerns and a 10 per cent. increase in the dollar value of sales by department stores.

Absorption of Victory Loans put no appreciable restraint on the rising tide of bank deposits which stand at the year end at an all-time peak. The average total for 1944 was around \$4,573,000,000 compared with an average of \$3,900,000,000 for 1943, a gain of 17.3 per cent.

While some branches of industry did no better than hold their ground in 1944 and some, notably gold mining suffered a further set-back due chiefly to the acute labor shortage, the general trend continued on a rising tempo. Farm prices continued soaring on the whole though cattle prices weakened a little in the Fall months, due to pressure of supplies at marketing centres and the larger crop of potatoes cut prices moderately. These recessions were offset by the stronger quotations for hogs, despite a record volume of sales. In 50 weeks of 1944, gradings of hog carcasses in Canada totalled 8,353,728 against 8,545,316 in the corresponding period of 1943. In the same 50 weeks cattle marketings at stockyards and packing plants totalled 1,426,374 compared with 1,152,145.

## Discover Wealth

When Elderly Woman Living In Poverty Was Removed To Hospital

About \$35,000 in bonds and cash was accidentally discovered by police when they visited a home in Hamilton to remove an elderly woman to hospital whose husband has been living on a pension.

The police reported the house was cold and cheerless, empty of food. Police said the husband was just as impoverished as poor. A discover in one room bonds hidden under a mattress, a considerable amount of cash in an old box under the flooring, and eight bank books with balance of more than \$2,000 in each. Trunks for open production furnished cash and bonds. Money was found hidden in almost every room.

Chief Constable Joseph R. Croker, refusing to divulge the couple's name, said: "The husband knew absolutely nothing about the wealth possessed by his wife as she had kept her business affairs strictly private at all times." He added the bonds were all gilt-edged security, properly registered in the name.

The husband later told police he recalled his wife many years ago had fallen heir to certain legacies but had not disclosed particulars to him.

## GEMS OF THOUGHT

### EXPERIENCE

However learned or eloquent, man knows nothing truly that he has not learned from experience.—Wisland.

In all instances where our experience of the past has been extensive and uniform, our judgment as to the future amounts to moral certainty.—James Beattie.

Experience is a victor, never the vanquished; and put of of instant comes the secret of victory. That tomorrow starts from today and is one day beyond it, robs the future with hope's rainbow hues.—Mary Baker Eddy.

To most men experience is like the stern lights of a ship, which illumine only the track it has passed.—Coleridge.

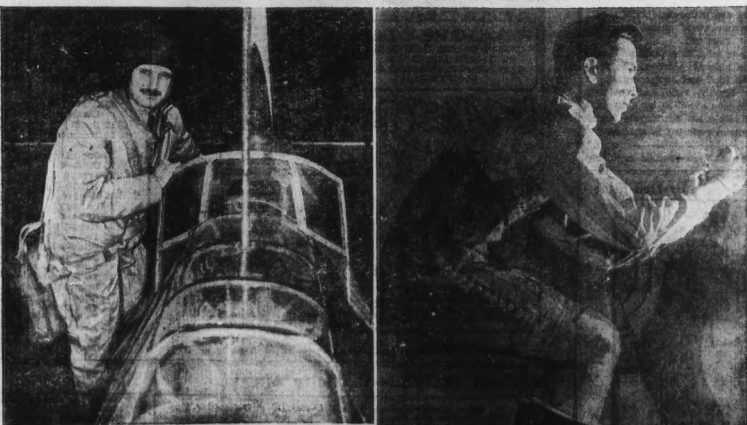
No man was ever so completely skilled in the conduct of life, as not to receive new information from age and experience.—Terence.

Nor deem the irrevocable Past, As wholly wasted, wholly vain, If rising on its wrecks, at last To something nobler we attain.—Longfellow.

### SAFE FROM ATTACK

More than 1,000 V-2s have been launched against the Allies since the beginning of the rocket attacks, the Berlin radio said. The broadcast said that for some time the Germans have been producing "a considerable quantity of the weapons in factories which are secure from enemy attack."

## R.C.A.F. Anti-Blackout Suit And Its Inventor



—R.C.A.F. Photo.

Wing Commander W. R. Franks, O.B.E., of Toronto and Regina, inventor of the Franks flying suit which eliminates the danger of high speed flying, is shown here climbing into an R.C.A.F. aircraft at Rockcliffe air station, near Ottawa, where he did many of the early flying tests which resulted in the suit's development. In the experimental stage, Wing Commander Franks tried each modification on himself before making it on a pilot. At the right, J. A. Carr, engineer at Clinical Investigation Unit shows a view of the way in which the Franks anti-blackout suit is worn by fighter pilots. Notice how accurately it conforms to body contours in sitting position. In use, columns of gas or liquid contained in the rubber lining exert counteracting pressure which permits normal blood circulation to the pilot's brain.

WORLD HAPPENINGS  
BRIEFLY TOLD

The first election for the Finnish parliament since the start of war will be held next March 17 and 18.

The Office of Civilian Defence at Washington, has issued instructions for defence against robot bomb and rocket bomb attacks.

Miss Lucy Chittenden has been a conductor for a Kent bus company since 1918 and has never been absent from duty.

Dr. Cyril James, principal and vice-chancellor of McGill University, announced that academic recognition will be given by the University for service overseas.

Queen Mary and the Princess Royal took their own shopping bags, paper and string when they did their Christmas shopping at Bath, England.

A small scale working model of the Czechoslovakian designed Bren gun has been presented to the King by the Czechoslovak ambassador and Czechs at Newcastle-on-Tyne.

Crystal palace, glass-domed auditorium in South London which was destroyed by fire several years ago, will be restored after the war at a cost of approximately \$4,500,000.

The London, Midland and Scottish Railway ran 17 special trains to carry more than 100,000 bags of prisoner-of-war parcels to a port for shipment.

The King has approved a baronetcy of the United Kingdom for Sir Frank Newson-Smith on his retirement from the office of Lord Mayor of London.

## Enjoy Their Work

Woman Barges Doing Fine Job On Canals In Britain

Britain has a vast network of canals which are playing an important part in solving wartime transport difficulties. British government officials in charge of this form of transport have recently added women to the payroll.

Bronzed, athletic girls are acting as steers, mates and crew of canal craft and they have enthusiastically knuckled down to a hard manual job despite its rigors and restrictions. Six women's crews have taken over boats so far, and the British ministry of war transport has called for more volunteers to help maintain Britain's inland transport services.

The long, slim open boats pass along the lock-studded willow-lined canals in pairs, each manned by a crew of three women. Each trip they make over the 140-mile stretch of the Grand Union canal moves 25 tons of war material from London to the industrial Midlands. The trip takes a week each way, and for the women barges, it is hard work with never a let-up, 12 hours a day, seven days a week.

The wartime trained women are enthusiastic about the welcome they receive from the permanent canal community. "The canal folk are grand," one of the girls said. "We'll be sorry to say good-bye to them when peace comes and our boating days are over."

## REMOVE CARBO

Work of removing cargo from a freighter grounded in Saint John harbor since November 24 will continue perhaps until the end of March, officials said. Attempts to salvage the vessel must await removal of the cargo.

The springs at Bath, England, were the centre of a Roman resort city developed during the first four centuries A.D.

## LIFE'S LIKE THAT

SUGAR N' SPICE

By Fred Neher



"Well, take me on a tour of the house, so I can go home and tell my mother all about it."

## Best Amateur Billiardist



Whether on the linen-draped tables of the Canadian Pacific Railway dining cars in which he runs as steward or on green-baize topped billiard tables, Harry Revoy, of Winnipeg, is an acknowledged master. Regarded as the best billiardist in Canadian amateur circles, ten times holder of the Manitoba and British Columbia titles, Harry recently broke into sports-page headlines in the Manitoba capital for three new records. In the first place, he rolled up a score of 1,000 points in the astonishing short space of two hours and 35 minutes, averaging 71.6 points for 14 visits to the table. In the second place he scored one stupendous break of 198 points, and on two other occasions passed the 100-mark, scoring 130 and 111.

## Clever Refugees

Netherlands Hid Successfully From Nazis For Over A Year

In a straw hut in the centre of a pine forest, somewhere in Holland, a valiant band of Netherlands hid successfully from the German conquerors of their country for more than a year.

German soldiers sometimes passed within a few feet of their sentry boxes. The refugees themselves took and held prisoners in the compound of their camp. In the last few days before the liberation of this part of Holland, they sallied forth to commit acts of sabotage against the harassed Germans.

A young civil servant, one of the founders of the camp, guided them through mud-choked back yards and winding forest trails to the hut in the pine trees. It seemed small, like a hut a woodman might use to store his tools.

Inside it proved to be large, comfortable with three wings.

"Here I cooked," said the young Hollander as he pointed to the rusted stove and tables. Another wing was a dormitory, with 24 bunks of rough-hewn pine wood. All the furniture was hand hewn by the men.

The third wing was a lounge, furnished with rustic furniture the men in hiding had made themselves.

In the courtyard behind the hut was another, a smaller hut. This was the prison where eight pro-Nazi Netherlands were kept prisoner.

One, two at a time they had been seized and carried to the forest hide-out. They didn't even know where they were until the day of liberation when they were handed over to the Netherlands military administration.

The story of the camp in the pines is a story full of gaps that cannot yet be completed. All that can be told about these men is that they hid, chiefly, to escape the Gestapo, or to escape being sent as slave laborers into Germany.

Their daily life was a tight not only to remain hidden, but to keep their moral equilibrium.

One sport field screened by trees they held sports meets.

Every man stood guard duty, two hours on, four off.

A farmer who lives perhaps a mile from the hideout provided the refugees with food and equipment.

Power for the radio and the field telephone was supplied by a dynamo operated by a static bicycle which the prisoners pedaled in shifts.

Buy War Savings Stamps regularly.

## Good Place To Live

People In New Brunswick Manage To Attain Great Ages

The Saint John Telegraph-Journal says: Perhaps the beautiful New Brunswick climate has something to do with it. We aren't sure. But we are sure that if you want to live to be a hundred years old you have a better chance in this than in other provinces.

We say that because so many people in this part of the country do manage to attain great ages. There was one of our citizens, for instance, who took a new job as harbormaster of Richibucto on his 100th birthday, and celebrated his 104th birthday by playing his fiddle at a dance.

We can boast the oldest lighthouse keeper, the oldest active steam-driver (he's driven logs every spring for 55 years).

## HALIFAX SQUADRON

Early in 1943 a unit, the nucleus of which was formed of Halifax aircraft, was formed for the purpose of dropping supplies to Europe's resistance movements. From May 1943 up to November 1944 this squadron had made 2,679 sorties, of which 1,688 have been successful, they have dropped 5,064 tons of supplies and 705 men.

In 1871, Canada's rural inhabitants out-numbered the urban dwellers by more than 2,000,000.

## THIS CURIOUS WORLD

By William Ferguson



NAVJO WEAVERS CARRY THEIR DESIGNS IN THEIR HEADS—AND NEVER REPEAT A PATTERN.



ANSWER: At neither time. Foxes never travel in packs.

REG'LAR FELLERS—Publicity Man



"Well, bump Hudson's lazy uncle has finally got a job. AM I GLAD OF IT!"

"WEALLY, PINHEAD? I THO AM HAPPY TO HEAR IT—WHAITH HE DOING?"

"HERE HE COMES NOW. SANDWICH MAN!"

"HOW NITHE—BUT I CAN'T WEALLY TELL TH DIFFERENCE! HE'S ON WHITE, WHOLE-WHEAT OR WYE?"

## Loyal To Britain

Uister Gave Vital Protection To Convoys After France Fell

In an address in Toronto Sir Ernest Cooper said, but for the loyalty of Northern Ireland, Britain "would have been confronted with slavery and death." Sir Ernest Cooper quoted Winston Churchill as having written in 1940. Speaking to the Empire Club in Toronto on "The Strategic Position of Ulster." Sir Ernest, a native of Clinton, Ont., who was recently industrial adviser to the Government of Northern Ireland, said: "When France fell in 1940 it was no secret that the ports of the southern and eastern shores of the United Kingdom were almost unusable. The Mersey and the Clyde had their troubles, but they were the two entrances to the British Isles on which we were dependent.

"The protection of convoys coming to these two ports was a vital matter, and Ulster is situated opposite the Clyde and Mersey. Our great danger in 1940 was the uncovered channel in mid-Atlantic, not reached by air patrols from either side. Without the bases of Ulster that channel would have been 200 miles wider than it was."

Sir Ernest said that from the fall of France up to D-Day every Canadian soldier and every soldier from the United States who entered Great Britain came under the protection of Ulster.

He emphasized that the strategic position of Northern Ireland is so important that "her political position admits of no compromise, and it should be a fixed policy in Empire councils that there be no gambling with her ports."

He suggested that certain factions might "look upon the division of Ireland as an untidy arrangement, and would, perhaps, use the traditional British policy of appeasement to effect what they call 'tidying it up.'" Sir Ernest declared that should the attempt be made, "I hope Canada will exercise its influence. Of three avenues to the east from America, as described by Walter Lippmann, United States economist-columnist, Ulster was more important than Gibraltar or Cape Town, he said.

## FOUNDED MOTHER'S DAY

Anna Jarvis, 83-year-old founder of Mother's Day, is almost blind and practically penniless. A \$70,000 estate left by her brother, Claude S. Jarvis, in 1925 has been dissipated by poor administration. Miss Jarvis founded Mother's Day in 1908 as a tribute to her mother.

The word grenade was taken from the French word for pomegranate, because of a resemblance in shape to the fruit.

## Enjoying Winter



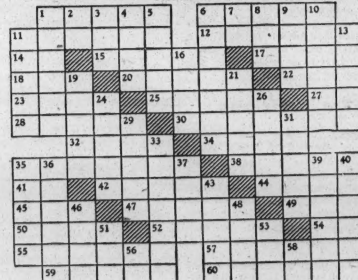
Cpl. Cunningham, of Hamilton, Ont., makes friends with two Dutch children by taking them for a romp across the snow-covered countryside near Wijchen, Holland. A windmill, characteristic of the Netherlands, makes a picturesque backdrop.

## A New Fibre

Is Said To Be The Strongest In The World

A new fibre, called "Fortisan" manufactured by British Celanese, Limited, England, is claimed to be the strongest in the world. Its many wartime uses include parachute canopies and cords for dropping supplies from aircraft. In addition to its immense strength and extreme thinness Fortisan fibre has very high insulating properties, so that it is especially valuable for covering electrical wire. Fabrics made from this fibre weigh only 0.85 ounces per square yard.

The practice of inhaling snuff became common in England during the 17th century.

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## Hot Saxophone

By MARCIA DAUGHTREY

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It was their last dance together. Not that they had admitted to so many words, but their eyes, clinging, and their voices, faintly rough, betrayed what no syllables could articulate. At this time next month he would be married to Joan Jennings whose father owned more copper than you could shine in a lifetime, and the girl in Joney's arms this instant would be the wife of the young attorney of whom her family approved.

"Sweet music," Ardis said. "Even without my tenor sax beating it out," Joney agreed.

The music's always hotter when you're on the stand," Ardis defended, "but it's wonderful to have you down here—if it is only for a few minutes."

"You're a funny kid," Joney muttered unhappily. "Sitting around all evening, just for the three or four dances I can have with you!"

Ardis studied his lean profile, the smoothly shaven cheek, the flat-lying ear, the hint of deep wave in the dark brown hair. "It might not be bad—being an orchestra wife," he said tentatively. Lots of girls have a touch of gypsy blood."

Joney missed a step. "No home. On the road all the time. Constant uncertainty about dough. It doesn't harmonize unless the girl is independent in her own right."

"I suppose not," Ardis said, her tone twenty below. "One has to be a gilded lily to marry into a band."

Joney's teeth ground together. "You make it sound like a sour deal. After all, there's no difference between a man picking out a snug spot for himself, and a girl giving the down beat to some twerp with a steady job and good prospects for the future."

Despite the strain between them they moved rhythmically together in fullest accord with the music. It was always like that, the basic agreement, the fundamental harmony between them, was not to be disturbed by their surface bickering.

"Nobody wants to be an old maid," Ardis said defensively. "A girl has to marry someone."

"Oh, sure. Sure. And the heart of a maid to the heart of a man, ever this wide world over, dear? Only that world-wide love-type of romance went out with ostrich fashions. Or maybe it hung around until the depression, and that finished it off."

"None of the fine romantic traditions mean much to you, do they, Joney?"

"Two dozen roses are swell, but they don't pay the rent. My theory is that the very few people can afford love—the real thing. Most of us have to take substitutes. Hey . . . what's cookin'?"

Suddenly the animal-terrier cry of "Fire!" filled the room as the dancers milled and surged, shouting, incoherently. From somewhere a flame had shot up to the paper-festooned ceiling and now the whole thing was ablaze.

Joney gripped Ardis' arm and

forced an opening through the jostling, screaming crowd. "Take it easy, everybody. Move toward that exit," he yelled. He might as well have been giving orders to Niagara. Staring deep into Ardis' eyes, he said, "This may be it, honey. This may be the full rest."

"I don't care. I'm not afraid so long as we're together."

"But I don't want you to die together. I want us to live together," he blurted. "Gosh, it takes a lot to make a guy up."

A piteous white face seemed to float back past them. "Joney," that girl has fainted," Ardis shouted at his ear. "She'll collapse and be trampled to death."

He pivoted, caught the falling girl above the waist, and the long back, Ardis was gone. At the top of his lungs he called her name, but the word was lost in the turmoil. He stared wildly at passing faces; no word—Ardis had vanished. This inert stranger in his arms typified every other girl in the world but Ardis! An empty burden; a meaningless responsibility. He felt in his heart the roots of an expression he had seen, uncomprehendingly, on the faces of men who had married wisely, but without rapture.

The far-corner of the rickety frame hall was now a mass of flame. Just above was the lower bearing the huge neon sign. When it collapsed, in the thick smoke Joney's head began to wobble; he coughed until he thought his lungs would burst; he was blinded with tears, but he glimpsed dazedly the fragile body he held.

Then, miraculously, he was out in the open. He sucked air into his aching body, lifting his face to catch the spiritdraft from the door. Two firemen took the girl and carried her to an ambulance. "You're O.K., buddy," they told him.

He tried to ask if someone had gone back into the building to drag out those who had been trapped, but his cracked lips mumbled unintelligibly. "With other red-eyed, smoke-soaked wanderers, he trudged up and down behind the lines, looking, looking."

"Oh, Joney!" Ardis sobbed, catching his arm as he passed. "Oh, Joney!"

Holding her close, he could only stare down at her begrimed face. "Where . . . I thought you . . ."

"I went back after your saxophone," she gasped. "No one else thought to save it, so I had to. We're going to need that sax in our lives forever and ever, amen."

## A New Idea

Russians Extract Juice From Beets And Convert It Into Sweet Slabs

What appears to be a new idea in connection with the manufacture of sugar from beets is being tried in Russia. Sugar beet juice is being extracted and concentrated at the place of production to reduce costs of transportation. By this method the extracted juice is subjected to evaporation and converted into briquettes. These sweet slabs are sent to the large plants for processing into sugar. It has been shown that in this form the juice can be stored for several years without chemical change or loss of sugar content—Saint John Telegraph-Journal.

## SURPLUS MATERIAL

Jeeps will be marketable after the war, a mere civilian can readily understand. But it's hard to figure a wild popular demand for most of the items on the list of the \$100,000,000 worth of surplus property the Government will have left on its hands. What private citizen is going to want a tank, a cargo ship, a B-29 bomber? Personally, we are not interested in any of the stuff, except, perhaps, a bazooka to hang up over the fireplace—New York Times.

The first known greeting card appeared in England in 1842. 2602

## The British Way

System Of Education Is Based On The Humanities

George E. Sokolsky, in the New York Sun, says: When Winston Churchill stood before the British Parliament to challenge his countrymen to accept his policy or to dismiss him, he represented not only a political party, but a system of education based upon the humanities. He stated his principles, including a magnificent definition of democracy which shames the current palaver concerning democracy, and having set forth the stones of the course, he left the choice of going or not going to the voters. He did not threaten, he did not purge. He did not smear. He was not an assassin's character. He called in neither the police nor the soldiers. He spoke only of ideas, of procedures, of the evidence. He might have been lecturing a class on the battles of the Guelphs—it was as objective and impersonal as that.

It is the British system of education, based upon the humanities, which produces men like Churchill. The Germans deserted the humanities and developed into the most pugnacious experts in the most minute fields and twice in a quarter of a century they have failed for all their skill and knowledge. The British for centuries have used broad-gauged philosophic types of men for leadership, men possessing, as a rule, no technical skill in any particular field and somehow they have managed to dominate the thinking and processes of the world.

## GOES INTO SHIPS

A bronze bust of Adolf Hitler, "captured" by U.S. troops at a Nazi embassy in one of Europe's liberated capitals, was destined to help the Allies lick Germany. Twenty thousand workers cheered as oxycetylene torches melted down the bust at a war bond rally in the Todd shipyard, New York. The melted metal will be used in ship construction.

Both Greenland and Iceland are in the western hemisphere.



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## Canadians In Holland



These Canadian soldiers are looking at a huge sign erected on the road to Nijmegen. It reads: "Second to None (2nd Corps insignia) Caen Bridgehead, Break Through Falaise, Chambois, Seine Estuary, Pas de Calais and Channel Coast, Scheldt Estuary . . . and now!" The soldiers, left to right, are: Pte. George Ruben, Weyburn, Sask.; Pte. Clarence Nyström, Pelly, Sask.; Pte. Herb Holo, Rose Valley, Sask.

## Sensible Suggestion

United Nations Should Have Control Of Germany's Raw Materials

Germany's manufactured goods are not wanted here, but Britain and the Allied Nations should have Germany pay by taking from her the raw materials which are needed in excess of their production. In 1937, Germany's production of important industrial minerals was as follows: Copper, 33,000 tons. This exceeds the Spanish output, and was exceeded in Europe only by the Yugoslavian iron ore, 3,200,000 tons. Lead, 78,000 tons the equivalent of the production of Spain or Yugoslavia. Zinc, 180,000 tons. To build up her war machine, Germany consumed all her production and was a heavy importer. The United Nations do not intend that Germany shall have any war machine after her defeat. They should, therefore, be able to draw upon these materials as they are needed. Such production would, of course, permit Germany to maintain some degree of war potential. It will be the business of the United Nations to see that these minerals are produced under strict control, and only under licence by the Occupying Powers for such purposes as they think desirable. And the first purpose will be to ensure that production is to the benefit of Germany's victims—London Daily Mail.

## About Coal

It Is Used For Many Other Purposes Besides A Heating Agent

The same substance goes into chewing gum, into plastics of many kinds and, if need be, into synthetic fuel. That substance is coal.

Much more than a basic heating agent to keep the home, office and factory warm, coal is the mainstay of the metals industry; it is the source of power for factories, trains, and most steamships.

As gas coal cooks food and hardens steel, and as coke it is one of the two chief requirements for the production of iron and steel.

Canadian consumption of coal has risen rapidly since the outbreak of war. In 1939-40 a slightly under-average total of 28.5 million short tons was used. Two years later, the total was 41.5 million, and for the last coal year it was approximately 44.4 million. The consumption increase since 1939 has been approximately 70 per cent.

## Old British Custom

Many People Do Not Know Meaning Of Boxing Day

It is doubtful if many of the people observe Boxing Day are familiar with true meaning. The custom of observing Boxing Day originated in the British Isles. There on December 26, it has been customary for generations to place parcelled or boxed gifts outside of homes for postmen, errand boys etc. Christmas Night in the Old Country is known as Boxing Night.

Some people seem to have the mistaken idea that the name Boxing Day originated from a custom of keeping retail stores closed on December 26 in order that merchandise remaining after the Christmas shopping rush might be returned to boxes.

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1 1/2 cup shortening  
1 1/2 cup brown sugar  
1 cup molasses  
1 cup All-Brain  
3 cups sifted flour  
1 teaspoon soda  
1/2 teaspoon salt  
1 1/2 cup water  
1 1/2 teaspoons cinnamon

Beat shortening until creamy. Add sugar gradually, mixing until thoroughly blended. Stir in molasses and All-Brain. Add sifted dry ingredients alternately with water, stirring to make a soft dough. Chill.

Roll tablespoonfuls of dough in sugar-cinnamon mixture. Place on greased cookie sheets; flatten if desired. Bake in moderate oven (375 degrees F.) about 15 minutes. Yield: 2 1/2 dozen cookies (3 inches in diameter).

## SMILE AWHILE

They have just become engaged. "I shall love," she cooed. "To share all your troubles."

"But, darling," he murmured, "I have none."

"No," she agreed, "but I mean when we are married."

Sympathizing Friend—You must miss your husband very much, Mrs. Prosser.

Widow—Well, yes; it does seem strange to come into the shop and find something in the till!

Tailor (measuring Scotsman for a suit of clothes—And how would you like the pockets, sir?)

"But, darling," he murmured, "I have none."

A schoolmistress asked a child what "S-C" spelled.

The child hesitated.

"What do I do when I look at you?" said the mistress.

"Thouint," replied the scholar.

It was the night before inspection and the sergeant was real anxious to see that everybody was all cleaned up.

"Hey, yardbird," he says to one guy. "Did you take a shower?"

"Heck, no, sarge," says this guy.

"Why—is there one missing?"

"I don't like these photos at all," he said, "I look like an ape."

The photographer, famous for his wit as well as for his art, favored him with a glance of lofty disdain.

"You should have thought of that before you had them taken," was his reply as he turned back to work.

Ethel (aged 6, combing hair)—Mama, what makes my hair crack when I comb it?

Mama—Why, dear, you have electricity in your hair.

Ethel—Aren't we a funny family? I've got electricity in my hair and grandma has gas on her stomach.

"Why are you crying?"

Father called mother a waddling goose.

"Well?"

"Mother called father a stupid ass."

"But why are you crying?"

"Well, what am I?"

Doctor—Do you know, honey, if I had to do it all over again, who I'd marry?

Wife—No, who?

Doctor—You.

Wife—Oh, no, you wouldn't.

Ross—Did you put that note where it would be sure to attract Mr. Smith's attention when he came in?

Office Boy—Yes, sir, I stuck a pin through it and put it on his chair.

## Roomy 1-Yard Apron



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More than 1,500 shipyard employees at the J. A. Jones Construction Co., Brunswick, Ga., voluntarily gave up their Christmas holiday to work without pay on a cargo carrying vessel as a gift to the men on the fighting fronts. An additional 500 volunteered for the night shift.

The rose is a symbol of silence and gave rise to the phrase "sub-rosa," meaning "under the rose" or in secret.

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## Frost Injury In Cereal Seeds

Frost-damaged seeds are frequently confused with seeds injured by fungi and therefore are of interest to the plant pathologist. A confusion of this kind is natural for it so happens that seeds injured in any way are more liable to attack by fungi, or moulds, as they are commonly called. Frosted seed samples contain many grains with broken seed coats, as well as immature and dead seeds. Such samples under conditions of high moisture are soon infested with common moulds. When sown, the damaged seeds, because of their low vitality, are readily invaded by soil fungi, which results in a poor and irregular emergence or stand. This has been shown in work at the Dominion Laboratory of Plant Pathology at Saskatoon.

Frosted seed of wheat, oats, barley, rye and flax must be considered in the light of the above information. First, it is necessary where frost is suspected to have the seed tested for germination. Although a germination test may be done at home, preferably in soil, it is probably advisable to send a sample to a well-equipped laboratory for satisfactory results. Any local agricultural adviser could give definite information in this connection. Second, once the germination is known, careful judgment must be used in determining the next steps. If the germination is 70 per cent or above, that is, 70 strong seedlings or more appear on the average for every 100 kernels tested, the seed may be considered reasonably satisfactory, but even so, it would be advisable to increase the seedling rate slightly and also treat the seed with a mercury dust for best results. On the other side, if the germination is below 70 per cent but not as low as 50 per cent, the seedling rate must definitely be increased. Furthermore, treatment with a mercury dust to protect the seed from soil fungi would be worth while in such cases. Germination below 50 per cent, and to some extent even when it is below 70 per cent, indicates that considerable damage has been done to the seed and that the seedling rate should be given to discarding such seed and securing good, high-quality seed in its place. The germination of severely frozen grain cannot be improved by seed treatment. Formalin treatment may increase seedling injury, and its use on injured cereal seed should be avoided.

It is not always easy to recognize frosted seed samples, so a germination test must be made. In wheat, bran-frost which is shown by the blister-like wrinkling of the bran, is rather conspicuous. Samples containing many immature or greenish kernels must be suspected of frost damage. Occasionally wheat samples show a bronze appearance, which it is believed is simply a manifestation of immaturity with possibly some mould infestation. Frosted oats may be wholly or partly bleached and the hulls somewhat loose, but generally speaking for most samples it is difficult to determine frost damage definitely. It is also very difficult to determine with accuracy, the extent of frost injury in barley and flax, except by means of a germination test. Similar manifestations may be expected in rye to those found in wheat samples.

Information on frost injury, or samples containing disease, may be obtained from the nearest Dominion Laboratory of Plant Pathology. These are located at Winnipeg, Saskatoon and Edmonton.

## Vomiting In Pigs

Numerous enquiries have been received at the Provincial Veterinary Laboratory regarding the cause of vomiting in sucking pigs. According to Dr. R. Walton, Extension Veterinarian, a few of these cases may be due to worms, but the majority are suffering from dyspepsia due to chilling.

This condition is brought on by the temperature of the building dropping quickly. Pigs affected are usually those under 30 or 40 days old. The onset is sudden. A large number of pigs become affected at the same time and the owner may attribute the cause to some infectious disease. The affected pigs show digestive disturbance. They move about with a tucked up appearance, shivering and shaking. There is little desire to nurse, and some of the pigs vomit. Greyish, or white, scours usually accompany this condition. If the chilling temperature continues the severity of the scours increases.

The disease can be checked by providing dry, warm quarters, and administering a teaspoonful of castor oil to each pig. Proper ventilation in the hog house will do much to prevent this condition.

**"BOUNCES" OVER MILE BULLET KILLS WOMAN**  
New York—A 30 calibre bullet, shot from an army plane engaged in firing practice, ricocheted more than a mile and a half after striking near its target and fatally injured Mrs. Adeline Bakelaar, of Southold, N.Y., the army discloses. The bullet struck the ground near the target and bounced off at a 45-degree angle, travelling 8,500 feet in the air over a hill before striking the woman, who was riding in an automobile with her husband. The accident occurred on December 17, and Mrs. Bakelaar died December 20.

## FARMERS WILL GET \$3,000,000 REFUND

Regina—Provincial government officials said recently they expected that refunds of about \$3,000,000 would be made to farmers who have paid on seed grain advances granted them in 1938.

The provincial refunds, denied on by the C.C.F. government which took office last July, are apart from the \$18,688,823 seed advances debt now being discussed by the province and the Dominion.

Provincial spokesmen said the C.C.F. government planned to collect only 50 per cent of the debt principal from farmers. The plan is to return 50 per cent of the principal to farmers who have paid in full, along with all their interest payments.

## War Gasoline

Currently the United States military forces are consuming more than 800,000 barrels of gasoline daily, representing approximately 40 per cent of the nation's entire output, according to an analysis of California's pivotal position as a war-time supplier of oil. Some what more than 500,000 barrels a day of this is estimated to comprise 100-octane aviation fuel, with most of the remainder made up of 80-octane all-purpose and 91-octane aviation grades. About 50 per cent of the gasoline is moving to the European theatre, 20 per cent to the Pacific, and 30 per cent to the forces in the United States.

## 5-Star Rank For Army and Navy

The U.S. House voted without dissent to put a new temporary rank atop the Army and Navy—the five-star rank of "general of the Army" and "admiral of the Fleet." The bill, passed by voice vote after brief debate, providing four such ranks for each branch of the service. The section dealing with the Army provides, however, General John J. Pershing's superior rank as "The General of the Army."

Chairman Vinson (Dem., Ga.) of the House naval committee, told the House he believed the new top ranks will go to:

Army—Generals George C. Marshall, H. H. Arnold, Dwight D. Eisenhower and Douglas MacArthur.

Navy—Admirals Ernest J. King, William D. Leahy, Chester W. Nimitz, William F. Halsey.

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## FRANCIS YEATS-BROWN DIES IN LONDON

Major Francis Yeats-Brown, 58, British author, soldier and airman, died December 20 in London. His books included "Bengal Lancer," "Golden Horn," "Dogs of War" and "Lancer At Large." One of the most widely travelled of modern writers, he once lived among the natives of India to study their religion and politics.



## CALLED THE PEACE MAKERS

Bearded British pacifists, who saw mediators between the warring factions of Greece, and Prime Minister Winston Churchill are shown in the garden of the British embassy in Athens during the series of conferences that brought about the regency of Greece with the Bishop as regent. Churchill's bodyguard with ready machine-gun, is in close attendance. Two attempts on Churchill's life were reported during his

## CRATE REFRIGERATORS

Transportation of food to the troops in India is carried out under difficulties, owing to the enormous amount of refrigeration material required. Aeroplane crates are being used as the bodies of refrigeration cars for local transport. The crates are cleverly bolted to the chassis of flat trucks, and insulated with cork to keep the hot air out and the cold air in.

## GRANTS DISCONTINUED

Alberta hospitals in future will receive no provincial grant with respect to patients who are Indians or any person for whom the Dominion government is responsible for hospitalization, according to an order-in-council published in the current issue of The Alberta Gazette.

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